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REPORT OF SELECTMEN AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

Citizens of Carver:—

The Selectmen submit their Annual Report of the receipts and expenditures of the town for the past year, with such other facts as may be of interest.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

J. A. VAUGHAN, *Treasurer.*

DR.

Cash on hand March 2, 1896, . . .	\$1,213.70
Received from sale of herring privilege, . . .	6.67
Peleg McFarlin, Ellis School fund, . . .	190.00
Town of Middleboro, tuition of scholars, . . .	61.83
Town of Middleboro, one-half of stone bound,	1.25
Wm. L. Chipman, clerk of 4th District Court, fines,	103.50
A. K. Harmon, county sheriff, fines . . .	8.35
Rent of town hall,	11.00
J. W. Lewis, slaughter-house license, . . .	1.00
A. C. Bradford, " "	1.00
Foster L. Randall, peddler's license, . . .	3.00
Corporation tax,	703.26
National Bank tax,	866.28
Military aid,	48.00
State aid,	329.00

Burial of indigent soldiers, . . .	35.00
Dividend from dog fund, . . .	140.32
Income from Pratt fund, . . .	100.00
Income from Mass. school fund, . . .	362.58
William Savery, agent, money hired, . . .	4,000.00
Taxes collected, . . .	7,008.16
Interest on delinquent taxes, . . .	68.50
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	\$15,262.40

CR.

Paid for support of schools, . . .	\$2,132.31
State aid, . . .	366.00
Military aid, . . .	80.00
Support of poor, . . .	2,318.12
Incidental town expenses, . . .	1,185.70
William Savery, agent, money hired, . . .	4,000.00
School books and incidentals, . . .	277.87
Repairs of schoolhouses, . . .	203.40
Repairs of highways, . . .	1,453.06
Repairs of bridges, . . .	18.20
Removal of snow, . . .	42.27
Insurance of town house, . . .	45.00
Town library, . . .	199.19
Transportation of scholars, . . .	211.15
Suppression of crime, . . .	110.82
Extension to schoolhouse in District	
No. 4, . . .	240.05
County tax, . . .	1,096.92
State tax, . . .	577.50
Cash on hand, . . .	704.84
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	\$15,262.40

CARVER, MARCH 10, 1897.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the records of the receipts and disbursements of the Treasurer of the Town of Carver, together with his vouchers, and cash in hand, and we find his accounts correct.

PELEG McFARLIN,
BENJ. W. ROBBINS,

Auditors.

SCHOOLS.

Receipts and expenses connected with the support of schools
the past year :

DR.

To balance from 1895,	\$497.11	
Appropriation of 1896,	1,500.00	
Massachusetts school fund, . . .	362.58	
Dividend from dog fund,	140.32	
Pratt school fund,	100.00	
Ellis school fund, app. to Dist. No. 4,	190.00	
Town of Middleboro, tuition of		
scholars,	61.83	
	<hr/>	\$2,851.84

CR.

- Paid Leila B. Thomas, teaching, . .	\$72.00
Lydia W. Holmes, teaching, . . .	45.00
Edith L. Barrows, teaching, . . .	40.00
Mattie M. Bennett, teaching, . . .	224.00
Mary E. Flynn, teaching,	119.00
Vesta B. Shaw, teaching,	297.00
Elmer B. Perkins, teaching, . . .	297.00
Helen E. Sleeper, teaching, . . .	144.00
Sarah L. Howes, teaching,	122.50
Myra A. Shaw, teaching,	174.70
Gertrude Sanborn, teaching, . . .	163.80
Lucy Shaw, teaching,	244.70
Eben S. Lucas, wood and cutting, . .	15.62
Gustavus Atwood, wood and cutting,	18.34
Benj. W. Robbins, wood and cutting,	38.70
Lucius Atwood, wood,	10.00
E. S. Diman, Jr., wood,	5.25
E. F. Raymond, sawing wood, . . .	1.50
John Peterson, sawing wood, . . .	1.50
T. T. Vaughan, wood,	6.75

Cleaning schoolhouses,	18.70	
Janitors' services,	72.25	
	<hr/>	\$2,132.31
Balance to new account,		719.53
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		\$2,851.84

POOR ACCOUNT.

Receipts and expenses connected with the support of the poor the past year :

DR.

To appropriation of 1896,	\$2,200.00	
Due from Plymouth, aid Mrs. Harlow, . .	2.00	
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	2,202.00	
Overdrawn,	226.42	
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		\$2,428.42

CR.

Paid C. Lucas, support,	\$156.00
J. A. Coad, support,	208.00
Susan Robbins, support,	208.00
Benj. Dunham, support,	182.00
Sarah Bumpus, support,	201.00
William Pratt, support,	78.00
Sarah Washburn, support,	104.00
B. Lucas, support,	112.00
W. McFarlin, Taunton Lunatic Hos- pital,	169.92
A. C. Sherman, Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	56.18
A. C. Sherman, Medfield Insane Asylum,	98.00
C. W. Atwood, Plymouth,	6.50
William Pratt, wood,	12.00
G. L. Soule, burial John Thomas, . .	18.00
G. E. Conwell, burial S. Chandler, . .	20.00

G. E. Conwell, burial B. Wright- ington,	20.00	
M. E. Bradock, care S. Bumpus, . .	12.00	
G. Tobey, 31 months' rent Mrs. Robey, .	155.00	
E. N. Thompson, aid Mrs. Robey, . .	74.00	
T. T. Vaughan, aid Mrs. Harlow, . .	2.00	
G. F. Morse, med. att. S. Bumpus, . .	40.75	
G. F. Morse, medical att. W. Pratt, . .	13.15	
G. F. Morse, med. att. S. Robbins, . .	1.00	
B. Hubbard, aid W. Pratt,	3.50	
Geo. Cullen, fare paid to Boston, . .	1.04	
Sarah Bumpus, clothing,	2.50	
Susan Robbins, clothing,	2.75	
Mary Chandler, aid,	23.00	
City of Chelsea, aid S. J. Ham, . . .	1.25	
Town of Bourne, aid P. A. Shurtleff, .	41.75	
Town of Wareham, aid E. Stringer and family,	154.85	
Town of Whitman, aid L. I. Pratt and family,	109.50	
J. W. Atwood, digging grave S. Chandler,	2.50	
J. W. Atwood, digging grave B. Wrightington,	2.50	
F. A. Ward, supplies to tramp house .	.80	
J. B. Williams, care of tramps, . . .	20.65	
J. M. Cobb, repairs at almshouse, . .	2.30	
H. C. Robbins, repairs at almshouse, .	1.73	
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	\$2,318.12	
Overdrawn in 1895,	110.30	
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		\$2,428.42

STATE AID ACCOUNT. CHAP. 301.

DR.

Due from the State,	\$421.00
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CR.

Paid P. Jane Barrows,	\$38.00
Abby H. Eddy,	48.00
Lucy W. Fuller,	48.00
Mary A. Shaw,	48.00
J. B. Hatch,	48.00
Nathaniel Ide,	52.00
James P. Parker,	40.00
Isaac Shaw,	36.00
Andrew W. Reed,	8.00

Total disbursements, . .	366.00
Paid previous to March 1st, 1896, . .	55.00

\$421.00

MILITARY AID. CHAP. 279.

DR.

Due from the State,	\$48.00
One-half paid by Carver,	48.00

\$96.00

CR.

Paid Manoah Hurd,	\$80.00
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Total disbursements, . .	80.00
Paid previous to March 1, 1896, . .	16.00

\$96.00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

DR.

To Balance from 1895,	\$100.56
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CR.

Balance to new account,	\$100.56
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INSURANCE ACCOUNT.

DR.

To appropriation of 1896,	\$50.00
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CR.

Paid Thomas Jackson, insurance policy,	\$45.00	
Balance to new account,	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$50.00

SCHOOL HOUSE DISTRICT No. 4.

DR.

To appropriation of 1896,	\$250.00
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CR.

Paid Charles K. Greer & Son,	.	.	\$234.80	
Gustavus Atwood, Committee,	.		2.25	
Ellis Foundry Co., supplies,	.		3.00	
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			\$240.05	
Balance to new account,	.	.	9.95	
			<hr/>	\$250.00

INCIDENTAL TOWN EXPENSES.

DR.

To appropriation of 1896,	.	.	.	\$1,200.00
Sale of herrings,	.	.	.	6.67
A. K. Harmon, fines,	.	.	.	8.35
W. L. Chipman, "	.	.	.	103.50
J. W. Lewis, slaughter house license,	.			1.00
A. C. Bradford, " " "	.			1.00
F. L. Randall, license to peddle,	.			3.00
Town of Middleboro, $\frac{1}{2}$ stone on town line,				1.25
William Savery, agent, loan,	.	.		4,000.00
Corporation tax,	.	.	.	703.26
National Bank tax,	.	.	.	866.28
Interest on taxes,	.	.	.	68.50
			<hr/>	\$6,962.81

CR.

Paid H. S. Griffith, town clerk, . . .	\$35.00
H. S. Griffith, " " expenses, . . .	4.00
F. A. Ward, selectman, overseer of poor, and registrar of voters, 1895, . . .	79.75
F. A. Ward, car and carriage fare, . . .	7.15
F. A. Ward, express and postage, . . .	3.10
T. T. Vaughan, same, 1895, . . .	47.75
W. A. Tillson, " " . . .	26.75
J. A. Vaughan, treasurer and collector, . . .	191.22
J. A. Vaughan, stamps and stationery, . . .	22.60
Gustavus Atwood, school committee, . . .	39.20
E. S. Lucas, " " . . .	33.25
E. S. Lucas, express and postage, . . .	3.40
R. W. Benson, school committee, . . .	7.12
R. W. Benson, express, . . .	.90
Wood & Tinkham, reports, . . .	48.00
Peleg McFarlin, auditor, . . .	3.00
B. W. Robbins, " . . .	3.00
B. W. Robbins, watching fire, . . .	1.60
J. M. Cobb, posting warrant, . . .	4.00
J. M. Cobb, services, election day, . . .	1.00
E. A. Lucas, posting warrants, . . .	14.00
E. A. Lucas, constable in Bradock case, . . .	3.98
E. A. Lucas, constable in Hines case, . . .	7.64
John Holland, case of A. F. Petty, . . .	4.00
S. B. Briggs, case of J. Readon, . . .	5.22
S. B. Briggs, case of A. Boolard, . . .	7.75
J. W. Hurley, case of J. Taylor and others, . . .	12.50
E. E. Gardner, case of W. I. Gibbs, . . .	3.06
F. E. Crapo, services as constable, . . .	6.25
F. E. Crapo, services at election, . . .	1.50
S. B. Briggs, services at election, . . .	1.25
S. B. Briggs, services as constable, . . .	4.00
Jarvis Burrell, . . .	1.70
H. T. Hammond and others, fighting fire, . . .	6.45
J. Morris " " " " . . .	61.49

M. Atwood and others, fighting fire,	17.50
S. C. C. Finney " " "	9.75
E. E. Shaw " " "	4.00
Gustavus Atwood, fire warden, . . .	.85
John Bent, assessor,	4.00
E. E. Shaw, assessor,	7.50
F. A. Ward, assessor,	33.00
T. T. Vaughan, assessor,	37.50
W. A. Tillson, assessor,	35.00
L. J. Shaw, stone on town line, . . .	2.50
E. H. Murdock, supt. roads,	48.02
W. Savery, agent, interest on loan, .	85.41
G. F. Morse, returning deaths, . . .	.75
F. A. Ward, returning deaths, . . .	.50
J. W. Atwood, returning deaths, . .	3.25
Nelson Sherman, returning deaths, .	1.25
E. H. Cornish, returning births, . .	3.75
Wood & Tinkham, board of health cards,	3.75
S. C. C. Finney, shovels for fire wardens,	20.75
W. D. Shurtleff, painting same, . .	7.20
J. C. Cave, tax bills,	4.00
G. P. Lincoln, election officer, . . .	1.50
E. S. Lucas, school committee, 1896,	25.63
E. B. Perkins, " " "	16.50
S. B. Briggs, herring committee, . .	2.75
Ellis Foundry Co., supplies, fire wardens,	1.46
T. T. Vaughan, stationery, . . . . .	.50
Fire Warden badges,	5.15
Constable billy and badge,	2.40
E. S. Lucas, purchasing and distributing agent of school books,	10.00
Wood & Tinkham, registration notices,	2.00
Albert H. Peterson, surveying for state highway,	60.00
F. A. Ward, inspecting animals, . .	25.00

Total incidental town expenses, . . . \$1,185.70

County tax,	1,096.92	
State tax,	577.50	
Loan,	4,000.00	
Overdrawn in 1895,	94.20	
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	6,954.32	
Balance to new account,	8.49	
	<hr/>	\$6,962.81

SAVERY AVENUE.

	DR.	
To balance from 1893,		\$16.59
	CR.	
By balance to new account,		\$16.59

HIGHWAYS.

	DR.	
To appropriation, 1896,	\$1,500.00	
Overdrawn,	3.24	
	<hr/>	\$1,503.24
	CR.	
Paid E. H. Murdock,	\$1,453.06	
Overdrawn in 1895,	50.18	
	<hr/>	\$1,503.24

REPAIRS OF BRIDGES.

	DR.	
To balance from 1895,		\$56.00
	CR.	
Paid E. H. Murdock,	\$18.20	
Balance to new account,	37.80	
	<hr/>	\$56.00

REMOVAL OF SNOW.

	DR.	
To balance from 1895,		\$189.98

CR.

Paid E. H. Murdock,	\$42.27	
Balance to new account,	<u>147.71</u>	\$189.98

LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

DR.

Balance from 1895,	\$11.84	
Appropriation of 1896,	<u>200.00</u>	\$211.84

CR.

Paid A. S. Burbank,	\$7.25	
W. N. Mayers, table,	10.00	
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co.,	112.34	
J. C. Cave,	2.50	
Old Colony Bookbindery,	7.00	
S. C. C. Finney, supplies,	3.70	
S. C. C. Finney, binding magazines,	2.45	
S. C. C. Finney, stove,	11.00	
Lucy Shurtleff, librarian,	37.50	
Lucy Shurtleff, expenses,	<u>5.45</u>	
	199.19	
Balance to new account,	<u>12.65</u>	\$211.84

TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOLARS.

DR.

Balance from 1895,	\$50.00	
Appropriation, 1896,	150.00	
Overdrawn,	<u>11.15</u>	\$211.15

CR.

Paid James Breach,	\$46.20	
Jabez Benson,	54.45	
J. B. Perkins,	<u>58.00</u>	

Ebenezer Dunham,	27.50
A. L. Bump,	25.00
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\$211.15

REPAIRS OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

DR.

To balance from 1895.	\$138.21
To appropriation of 1896,	100.00
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\$238.21

CR.

Paid E. B. Atwood, supplies,	\$7.22
E. S. Lucas, labor and supplies,	35.80
Anthony Atwood, "95
John M. Cobb,	6.93
Jesse F. Lucas, painting,	27.42
C. T. Harris, supplies,	12.58
W. H. H. Weston, supplies,	11.11
T. M. Cole, supplies,	12.81
Charles Holmes, labor,	29.76
B. O. Strong, supplies,	6.47
F. E. Barrows, supplies,	1.00
Gustavus Atwood, repairs No. 4.	48.20
W. C. Richards,50
F. E. Crapo,	2.65
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	\$203.40
Balance to new account,	34.81
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\$238.21

SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

DR.

Balance from 1895,	\$19.03
Appropriation of 1896,	200.00
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\$219.03

CR.

Paid Joseph Holley,	\$110.82
Balance to new account,	108.21
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\$219.03

SCHOOL BOOKS AND INCIDENTALS.

DR.

Balance from 1895,	\$49.78	
Appropriation of 1896,	200.00	
Books sold,	.	.	.	.	2.38	
Overdrawn,	.	.	.	.	25.71	
					<hr/>	\$277.87

CR.

Paid B. O. Strong, supplies,	.	.	.	.	\$4.27	
Werner School Book Co.,	.	.	.	.	16.94	
Silver, Burdette & Co.,	.	.	.	.	6.00	
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	.	.	.	.	1.33	
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	.	.	.	.	50.26	
A. S. Burbank,	.	.	.	.	.90	
W. H. H. Weston,	.	.	.	.	.75	
Harlow & Bailey,	.	.	.	.	4.27	
C. T. Harris,	.	.	.	.	1.00	
American Book Co.,	.	.	.	.	63.69	
Boston School Supply Co.,	.	.	.	.	88.12	
E. S. Lucas,	.	.	.	.	3.90	
Ginn & Co.,	.	.	.	.	33.00	
Ellis Foundry Co., supplies,	.	.	.	.	.84	
H. E. Sleeper, supplies,	.	.	.	.	.60	
J. B. Hatch, supplies,	.	.	.	.	2.00	
					<hr/>	\$277.87

TOWN HOUSE ACCOUNT.

DR.

To rent of town hall,	\$11.00	
Overdrawn,21	
					<hr/>	\$11.21

CR.

Overdrawn in 1895,	\$11.21
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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF ROADS.

Repairs of highways 1896 to March 1st, 1897 :

Albert Tillson,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$38.18
Fred. Allen,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2.32
Oliver Whyte & Co.,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7.00
Frank Stanley,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17.86
Barney McBeth,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.50
Benj. Wrightington,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14.40
Augustus Thrasher,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12.79
Embert Eams,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14.42
Chas. Cornell, gravel,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3.75
O. L. Shurtleff,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8.00
F. E. Barrows, gravel,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.70
P. W. Southworth,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19.64
Wm. F. Gibbs,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19.75
Geo. Robinson,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9.66
Nelson Sherman, gravel,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2.49
Everett Benson,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13.74
Wm. Reckord,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24.50
Silas Thomas,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3.00
W. E. Vaughan,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3.00
C. Vaughan, gravel,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2.25
Frank Gibbs,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4.50
Walter Jefferson,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.00
Frank Morse,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2.25
J. M. Bump,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10.25
F. A. Ward,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.50
Alfred Fryckman,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.50
Benj. W. Robbins,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22.44
Geo. Johnson,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.00
E. A. Richards,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.27
Lucius Atwood,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3.75
T. W. Southworth,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	49.40
E. H. Murdock,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	153.28
A. F. Cornish,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.06
Wm. Richards,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.50

Thomas Weston, gravel,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2.00
Roswell Shurtleff,	.	.	.	.	.	.	46.30
Lloyd Robbins,	.	.	.	.	.	.	63.68
John Parker,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2.24
Horace Robbins,	.	.	.	.	.	.	12.02
Wm. Thomas,	.	.	.	.	.	.	5.24
Frank Barnes,	.	.	.	.	.	.	30.25
T. Parker,	.	.	.	.	.	.	12.47
Wm. Bruce,	.	.	.	.	.	.	9.33
Lucian Atwood,	.	.	.	.	.	.	53.80
John Goodwin,	.	.	.	.	.	.	61.76
R. L. Richards,	.	.	.	.	.	.	3.05
Arnold Hammond,	.	.	.	.	.	.	27.82
Lester Breach,	.	.	.	.	.	.	14.61
Dennis Morse,	.	.	.	.	.	.	19.94
John Dunham,	.	.	.	.	.	.	12.90
(No. Carver) John Atwood,	.	.	.	.	.	.	13.63
Joseph Sherman,	.	.	.	.	.	.	4.88
Job C. Chandler,	.	.	.	.	.	.	8.34
Chas. King,	.	.	.	.	.	.	55.20
Joseph Morris,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2.55
Geo. W. Thomas,	.	.	.	.	.	.	42.09
Joseph Murray,	.	.	.	.	.	.	9.99
D. Robbins,	.	.	.	.	.	.	15.55
Ellis Foundry Co.,	.	.	.	.	.	.	6.45
L. Lucas, gravel,	.	.	.	.	.	.	3.21
E. Sherman, gravel,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.64
T. T. Vaughan, gravel,	.	.	.	.	.	.	4.84
Henry Hammond, gravel,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.65
George Washburn,	.	.	.	.	.	.	73.38
Joseph Ingalls,	.	.	.	.	.	.	32.91
John F. Shaw,	.	.	.	.	.	.	70.34
Carl Southworth,	.	.	.	.	.	.	30.83
John Hailey & A. Lincoln,	.	.	.	.	.	.	28.87
A. B. Smith,	.	.	.	.	.	.	13.75
John Burk,	.	.	.	.	.	.	26.59

Susan Murdock, gravel,	.	.	.	.	.	.	4.44
Andrew Stringer,	.	.	.	.	.	.	18.00
Edmund Cole,	.	.	.	.	.	.	22.50
Thomas Gibbs,	.	.	.	.	.	.	9.00
James Kennedy,	.	.	.	.	.	.	3.00
F. W. Shaw,	.	.	.	.	.	.	45.75
E. E. Shaw,	.	.	.	.	.	.	53.29
Reuben Braddock,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2.33

\$1,453.06

REMOVING SNOW FROM HIGHWAY

FROM MARCH 1, 1895, TO MARCH 1, 1896.

Jabez Benson,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$2.30
Joseph Morris,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2.70
O. L. Shurtleff,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2.24
J. M. Bump,	.	.	.	.	.	.	7.00
Geo. B. Washburn,	.	.	.	.	.	.	5.80
P. J. Holmes,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.90
F. W. Shaw,	.	.	.	.	.	.	3.40
Lloyd Robbins,	.	.	.	.	.	.	5.80
T. T. Vaughan,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2.52
Benj. Robbins,	.	.	.	.	.	.	3.00
E. H. Murdock,	.	.	.	.	.	.	5.61

\$42.27

REPAIRS OF BRIDGES.

E. H. Murdock,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$3.65
Walter Shurtleff,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.50
Frank Barnie,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.65
J. A. Vaughan,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.45
T. T. Vaughan,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.40
Frank Crapo,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.00
Wm. Richards,75
Lucian Atwood,75

Ellis Foundry Co.,60
Geo. B. Washburn,	5.60
T. W. Southworth,85
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								\$18.20

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

J. A. VAUGHAN, *Collector.*

DR.

1896.								
March 2.	To uncollected tax of 1879,	\$82.29
								CR.

1897.								
March 1.	Still uncollected,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$82.29

DR.

1896.								
March 2.	To uncollected taxes, bills of 1891,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$2.97
								CR.

1897.								
March 1.	By amount collected,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$2.97

DR.

1896.								
March 2.	To uncollected taxes, bills of 1892,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$38.87
								CR.

1897.								
March 1.	By amount collected,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$6.58

By taxes abated :

James E. Brett,	2.00
Levi Ransom,16
James A. Rich,84

By amount uncollected,	29.29
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 \$38.87

DR.

1896.

March 2. To uncollected taxes, bills of 1893, . \$100.67

CR.

1897.

March 1. By amount collected, . . \$15.00

By taxes abated:

Daniel B. Hines, . . . 1.65

Edward Johnson, . . . 2.00

Fred. E. Gould, . . . 2.00

By amount uncollected, . . . 80.02

 \$100.67

DR.

1896.

March 2. To uncollected taxes, bills of 1894, . \$602.26

CR.

1897.

March 1. By amount collected, . . \$331.43

By taxes abated:

Daniel B. Hines, . . . 1.90

Edward Bradford, Plympton, . .58

Levi Ransom,18

By amount uncollected, . . . 268.17

 \$602.26

DR.

1896.

March 2. To uncollected taxes, bills of 1895, . \$1,648.49

CR.

1897.

March 1. By amount collected, \$696.74

By taxes abated :

Edward Bradford, Plympton, .	.53	
S. S. C. Finney, . . .	2.37	
Daniel B. Hines, . . .	1.31	
S. H. Doten, . . .	4.32	
Susan F. Atwood, . . .	.27	
W. A. Andrews, . . .	3.15	
E. P. Washburn, . . .	1.05	
By amount uncollected, . . .	938.75	
	<hr/>	\$1,648.49

DR.

1896.

March 2. To amount of taxes, bills of 1896, . . . \$7,696.40

CR.

1897.

March 1. By amount collected, . . . \$5,955.44

By taxes abated :

W. A. Andrews, . . .	2.62	
Warren S. Bumpus, . . .	1.75	
By amount uncollected, . . .	1,736.59	
	<hr/>	\$7,696.40

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Removal of snow, estimated, . . .	\$400.00	
Poor bills, estimated, . . .	200.00	
All other demands, estimated, . . .	500.00	
	<hr/>	1,100.00
Assets over liabilities, . . .	3,411.45	
	<hr/>	\$4,511.45

ASSETS.

Cash in the treasury, . . .	\$704.84
Due from State, Chap. 301, . . .	421.00
Due from State, Chap. 279, . . .	48.00

Due from State, inspection of cattle,	.	12.50
Ellis school fund,	. . . . .	190.00
Uncollected taxes of 1879,	. . . . .	82.29
Uncollected taxes of 1892,	. . . . .	29.29
Uncollected taxes of 1893,	. . . . .	80.02
Uncollected taxes of 1894,	. . . . .	268.17
Uncollected taxes of 1895,	. . . . .	938.75
Uncollected taxes of 1896,	. . . . .	1,736.59
	—————	\$4,511.45

APPROPRIATIONS, 1897.

The following sums of money are recommended to meet current expenses the ensuing year :

Support of poor,	. . . . .	\$2,500.00
Support of schools,	. . . . .	1,500.00
Repairs of highways,	. . . . .	1,500.00
Repairs of bridges,	. . . . .	50.00
Repairs of schoolhouses,	. . . . .	150.00
School books and incidentals,	. . . . .	275.00
Soldiers' relief, Chap. 447,	. . . . .	—————
Town incidentals,	. . . . .	1,200.00
Removal of snow, highways,	. . . . .	250.00
Transportation of scholars,	. . . . .	350.00
Library,	. . . . .	—————

LIST OF JURORS.

The following list of Jurors is presented for your revision and acceptance:

Benjamin W. Robbins,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Farmer.
Stewart H. Pink,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Grocer.
Allerton L. Shurtleff,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Engineer.
E. Herman Murdock,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Farmer.
William M. Shaw,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Sawyer.
Frederic Anderson,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Moulder.
John A. Winberg,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Moulder.
Frank H. Shaw,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Coachman.
E. Watson Shaw,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Farmer.
George W. Atwood,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Farmer.
Ellis G. Cornish,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Laborer.
Alfred M. Shaw,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Cranberry Grower.
N. Frank Manter,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Carpenter.
Samuel B. Gibbs,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Farmer.
Roswell Shurtleff,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Trader.
Jesse F. Lucas,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Painter.

ASSESSORS' STATISTICS

For the Year ending March 1st, 1897.

RAISED BY TAXATION, 1896.

Support of poor,	\$2,200.00
Support of Schools,	1,500.00
Highways,	1,500.00
Schoolhouse repairs,	100.00
Town incidentals,	1,200.00
School books and incidentals,	200.00
Transportation of scholars,	150.00
Library,	200.00
Suppression of crime,	200.00
Insurance of town buildings,	50.00
Schoolhouse, District No. 4,	250.00
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	\$7,550.00
State tax,	577.50
County tax,	1,096.92
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	\$9,224.42
Deduct estimated bank and corporation tax,	1,600.00
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	\$7,624.42
Overlay,	58.88
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	\$7,683.30
Value of personal estate,	\$159,075.00
Value of real estate,	663,700.00
Value of buildings,	\$173,310.00
Value of land,	490,390.00

Tax rate per \$1,000,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$8.75
Poll tax,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$2.00
Number of polls,	.	.	.	.	.	.	236
Number of persons taxed,	.	.	.	.	.	.	594
On poll only,	.	.	.	.	.	.	55
On property,	.	.	.	.	.	.	539
Number of horses,	.	.	.	.	.	.	206
Number of cows,	.	.	.	.	.	.	136
Number of cattle other than cows,	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
Number of shotes,	.	.	.	.	.	.	38
Number of sheep,	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Number of dwelling-houses,	.	.	.	.	.	.	290
Number of acres land,	.	.	.	.	.	.	20,827
Number of acres cranberry bog,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,033

TOWN MEETING.

Contents of Warrant for town meeting, to be held at the town house, on Monday, the 29th day of March next, at nine o'clock a. m.

ARTICLE I. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the town will accept the jury list as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 3. To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen and other town officers.

ART. 4. To choose all necessary town officers.

ART. 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To determine the compensation for labor on the highway.

ART. 7. To decide when taxes shall become due and whether any interest shall be charged after a certain date.

ART. 8. To see what pay the town will vote the Treasurer and Collector for the ensuing year.

ART. 9. To see if the town will instruct the Treasurer to borrow money, under the direction of the Selectmen, if found necessary, in anticipation of taxes the ensuing year.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to make the yards of field-drivers town pounds, provided they also be chosen pound-keepers.

ART. 11. To bring in their ballots, "Yes" or "No," upon the question, Shall licenses be granted in the town for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 12. To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to establish a high school. (Petition of J. M. Bump and others).

ART. 13. To see if the town will allow the School Committee the use of the Town Hall for school purposes. (Petition of J. M. Bump and others).

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN CARVER DURING 1896.

- Feb. 5. William D. Hurd and Mable M. McFarlin.
Feb. 22. James S. Hudson and Flora W. Atwood.
April 29. Levi R. Cobb and Grace M. Harlow of Plymouth.
May 3. Charles F. Washburn and Elva H. Griffith.
May 27. Frank A. Raymond and Ruth E. Thomas.
June 25. William Braddock and Martha M. Parker.
July 3. Gustavus G. Atwood and Mary L. Osborne of
Lakeville.
July 25. Alton C. Chandler and Mary A. Sampson of Plymouth.
Oct. 6. Ernest L. Shurtleff and Florence M. Wright of
Plympton.
Oct 9. Charles E. Westgate of Fairhaven and Georgianna
(Bates) Wheeler.
Nov. 4. Albert Linton and Nellie A. Braddock.

BIRTHS

REGISTERED IN CARVER DURING THE YEAR 1896.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS.
Jan. 12,	Mabel Elizabeth Breach,	Lester and Helen (King).
Feb. 11,	Helen Gertrude Parker,	Tobias and Alice (Peterson).
Feb. 17,	Jennie Bowers Bradford,	(——) Dora L. (Ransom).
Feb. 17,	Florence Benson,	(——) Rebecca Benson.
Mar. 20,	Myrtle Louise Gardner,	Ernest and Adelaide (Higgins).
April 3,	Homer Longley Gibbs,	Samuel B. and Caroline (Morse).
April 9,	Amy Frances Thomas,	Frank and Mildred (Appling).
July 1,	Preston Leslie McKay,	James and Helen F. (Jones).
July 12,	John Freeman Shaw,	Frank and Nannie A. (Griffith).
Aug. 8,	Etta Florence Atwood,	Arthur C. and Ida (Westgate).
Aug. 10,	Angie Maria Washburn,	George B. and Alice (Robinson).
Sept. 7,	—— Garvin,	Chas. A. and Marion (Hudson).
Sept. 8,	Frederick Austin Dimond,	Fred. A. and Maria W. (Merritt).
Sept. 18,	G. Williams Nylund,	Gusta and Hannah (——).
Sept. 26,	George Vernon Johnson,	George I. and Annie (Cook).
Oct. 11,	Joseph Murray,	Joseph and Elizabeth (Goodso).
Oct. 25,	Annie Hammond Cole,	Theron M. and Annie (Robbins).
Oct. 27,	(Stillborn) Washburn,	Chas. F. and Elva H. (Griffith).
Nov. 3,	(Stillborn) Bruce,	C. W. and Grace A. (Washburn).
Nov. 13,	Stephen Savery Gammons,	Henry H. and Dora L. (Morse).
Nov. 17,	Theron McKinley Bumpus,	Ira B. and Carrie (Howland).
Dec. 19,	Thomas Ulmont Griffith,	Alonzo D. and Mabel (Gammons).

DEATHS REGISTERED IN CARVER DURING THE YEAR 1896.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.		CAUSE OF DEATH.	PARENTS.
		Y.	D.		
Jan. 5	Cephas Shaw.	72	11	Consumption.	Cephas Shaw and Martha (Murdock).
Jan. 17	Emice Vaughan.	86	10	Pneumonia.	Levi Chase and Hannah (Dunham).
Feb. 12	Joseph R. Sherman.	90	11	Old Age.	Micah Sherman and Mercy (Ransom).
Feb. 13	Helen G. Parker.	—	—	Dysentery.	Tobias L. Parker and Alice (Peterson).
Feb. 18	Florence Benson.	—	—	Suffocation.	— (Rebecca Benson).
Mar. 1	William Thomas.	71	10	Gangrene.	John Thomas and Hannah (Mendell).
Mar. 2	Ellen A. Tillson.	48	10	Spasm.	Daniel Hathaway and Sarah (King).
Mar. 13	Abiel T. Shurtleff.	59	—	Consumption.	Levi Shurtleff and Mary (Chandler).
Mar. 13	Olive W. Perkins.	36	1	Erysipelas.	Stephen Clark and Stella (Wilbur).
May 8	Samuel Chandler.	68	4	Measles & Hemorrhage.	S. B. Chandler and Jane A. (Wood).
June 6	Jabez L. Benson.	21	5	Chronic Endocarditis.	Jabez Benson and Sarah A. (Bumpus).
June 12	Samuel Gould.	68	11	Bright's Disease.	E. Gould and Mary (Willard).
July 12	Susan A. Hathaway.	60	7	Spaniaimia.	Benjamin Hammond and Mary (Sherman).
July 24	Alice M. Atwood.	50	6	Heart Failure.	William B. Pratt and Phebe (Shurtleff).
Aug. 4	S. L. Whidden.	34	—	Old Age.	Simeon Whidden and Sarah (Mackintosh).
Aug. 24	Hannah Weston.	94	6	Dysentery.	Benjamin Ellis and Deborah (Murlock).
Sept. 8	Joanna A. Perkins.	77	—	Inflammation of Bowels.	Eli Holmes and Järisa (—).
Sept. 12	Benjamin Wrightington.	65	5	Liver Trouble.	Asa Wrightington and (—).
Sept. 19	— Garvin.	—	12	Pertionitis.	Chas. A. Garvin and Marlon (Hudson).
Sept. 25	Christian Conmeata.	56	2	Consumption.	(Parents unknown).
Oct. 1	Lewis Sherrett.	62	1	Marasmus.	Lawrence Sherrett and Ann (—).
Nov. 1	Joseph Murray.	—	—	Organic Poisoning.	Joseph Murray and Elizabeth (Goodso).
Nov. 11	Annie H. Cole.	33	7	Heart Failure.	Benj. W. Robbins and Lydia M. (Hammond).
Nov. 22	Rotha Washburn.	7	2	Shock.	Samuel D. Washburn and Cora R. (McFarlin).
Nov. 28	Emily Cobb.	86	1	Heart Failure.	John Bent and (— Small).
Dec. 12	Hattie T. Wright.	45	1	Cancer.	Anderson Wright and (—).
Dec. 11	Louisa Ransom.	78	4		William Phinney and Martha (Harlow).

{ Marriages, 11.
 Births, 22.
 Deaths, 27.
 No. of Dogs Licensed, 82.
 Males, 75.
 Females, 1.

SUMMARY :

HENRY S. GRIFFITH, Clerk of Carver.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

We respectfully submit the following statistics and report of our school work during the past year.

The duty which devolves upon your committee at each annual meeting is a responsible, and in some respects a difficult task; and one to be performed with weighty and paramount considerations. The welfare of the schools in their intellectual and moral sense, and the welfare of the town in its industrial and commercial prosperity, is so united and mutually dependent, that a practical solution of one involves a thorough consideration of the other.

It is to be expected that in the course of our labors we shall meet the *adverse expressions* of opposing ideas, that use the arguments of sophistry, or special policy, to obscure the true results. It is, therefore, most important that the true facts be elicited, that the town may proceed *prudently*, yet not evasively, along the lines of progress, to enhance the opportunities of instruction now being given our young people who attend the public schools.

In our last report we set forth the irritating embarrassments in our schools which continue, as in the past, a *positive hindrance* to a successful advancement and wise training of our youth. We repeat with emphasis the *imperative necessity of a full and complete grading of our schools*, for by so doing our teachers can better utilize their time and efforts, saving to the children a large percentage of our annual school appropriation, which is unavoidably lost. So long as we are obliged to continue, in part, the old district plan, which has existed for a century of years, we shall be *chagrined with dwarfed endeavors and incomplete results* in our school work. Enterprising municipalities adjoining us have put their schools upon the basis of reform, in

conformity to law, thus making their schools, in condition and usefulness, institutions which are in the front of private or corporate industry. No expense is more cheerfully met, that rests upon the taxation of the people, than what is spent for the support of schools.

While we *know* and *feel all this*, we allow ourselves to be governed by a selfish policy, that to *do any better is costly*, hence inexpedient and unwise. *We are not building as well as we know*. Each year brings us no better results, and *cannot* with the present ungraded, old district system largely predominating in the school room, to the ruin of the most successful work. We should *abolish it at once*. We are much behind time, and should acquit ourselves of all delay in coming to the front, to give the schools the facilities necessary to a graded system, on a practical and thorough basis. Economic expenditures, we believe, should be cheerfully borne to give our children equal advantages *at home*, as the State demands for them elsewhere, at our expense.

We cannot disclaim the obligations put upon us by the State, nor should we fail to educate, in a thorough manner, the children of all citizens who are ready for their opportunities. Our schools, at present, can furnish enough in numbers and qualifications to establish a high grade school, in a central location, which would be an *honor now*, and ultimately a paying investment.

We commend these statements to your candid consideration, for present action of the town. The questions that have been arrayed against a practical solution in harmony with the needs of our schools, are passing away. At our last annual meeting we raised a small sum to be expended in the discretion of the committee, in conveying scholars living at a long distance to and from school. The experiment has been tried, and proved to be a wise feature in the work of the year. The conveyance of scholars living in suburban localities has enabled us to give them equal grading with others in the schools where they were members, at a minimum cost and a maximum record of attendance. The East Head scholars, and those living most remotely in District No. 4, and the Snapit children, have had the exclusive benefit of this appropriation the past year, but other parts of the town, we think,

should be included in this wise and judicious expenditure. We shall recommend an increased appropriation the ensuing year to cover this additional work, which we sincerely hope the town will grant.

Some of our schools are increasing in numbers, vigor and usefulness, rivaling in scholarship at every point of instruction, while others are losing in membership, rendering it more difficult for the teachers to keep up the standard of excellence seen in larger classes and schools.

We speak of this unreprouchfully, and in no manner of personal reflection to any teacher who may incidentally have the charge of a small school, but to *awaken* the attention of the town to the pressing necessity of *immediate* action favoring the grading and combining of the schools. The schools are sufficient in numbers and qualifications to warrant a strong effort for radical improvement in our system. Hitherto we have had no special course of study in our school work, and in fact the possibilities of success would have a very much better prestige in graded work. As soon as the conditions are manifest to invite the trial, we believe in a faithful effort for its introduction.

The education of our people, and the equipment of every means to secure the vantage ground of opportunity in the present age, is forcing itself upon all reflecting citizens with increasing power. Our times are developing thought. Investigations are being carried on, by the search light of science and art, which seem almost like a divine agency, speaking to us in daily life. We cannot if we would, and we believe we would not if we could, occupy an opposing attitude to the developments of ethical or physical science in whatever may be our relations in our life work.

Let us remember that when we consider the topics embodied in these suggestive words, that they are offered for the purpose of winning your favor to secure the more complete success of our educational advantages. Disappointments will intrude; but success is the sweeter and more enduring to our manhood obtained in the line of devotion and sacrifice to our children and their inheritance.

Teachers employed during the year are as follows :

Miss Edith Barrows resigned her position at South Primary after teaching one month and was succeeded by Miss Mattie Bennett of Middleboro.

Miss Vesta Shaw has taught three terms at the So. Grammar.

Miss Mary E. Flynn, one term, and Miss Gertrude Sanborn, two terms at the Centre.

Miss Lucy W. Shaw, three terms at Pope's Point.

Miss Sarah L. Howes, one term, and Miss Myra A. Shaw, two terms at East Carver.

Mr. Elmer B. Perkins, three terms at the North Grammar.

Miss Leila B. Thomas and Miss Lydia Holmes, one term, and Miss Helen E. Sleeper, two terms at the North Primary.

The schoolhouses and out buildings have been repaired and painted as follows :

North Primary, painted two coats inside and outside, which renders it neat and homelike for the young people.

North Grammar, painted two coats outside and inside partly, with other improvements as needed.

South Carver school building has received a thorough inside painting, corresponding to the new work of the extension.

Centre Carver schoolhouse has been painted inside and ventilation put into the chimney ; also the doors, blinds and finishing work have been painted.

The blinds upon the Pope's Point building have been painted, and other minor things have received attention.

East Carver building has been painted inside, and the blinds outside.

STATISTICS.

No of scholars enrolled, 192.

Average membership, 147—71 per cent.

Average attendance, 125.43—85 per cent.

No. of scholars in town May 1st, between 5 and 15 years, 144.

No. of scholars in town May 1st, between 8 and 14 years, 113.

No. attending under 5, 0.

No. attending over 15, 13.

Cost per scholar, \$16.65.

BY SCHOOLS.

	AV. MEM.	AV. AT.	Length ¹ School.	
			W.	D.
1st Grammar,	19.69	14.65	32	2
1st Primary,	25.28	19.75	33	
No. 2 Mixed,	10.54	9.96	31	
No. 3 Mixed,	21.03	18.65	33	
No. 4 Grammar,	16.92	15.83	32	
No. 4 Primary,	28.52	26.30	33	
No. 5 Mixed,	24.74	20.29	34	

SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS AND FUNDS.

To balance from 1895,	\$497.11
Amount raised by tax,	1,500.00
Amount received from state,	362.58
Amount received from dog tax,	140.32
Amount received from Pratt fund,	100.00
Amount received from Ellis fund,	190.00
Amount received from town of Middleboro,	61.83
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	\$2,851.84

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Expenditures :

By teachers' salaries,	\$1,943.70
Fuel account,	97.66
Janitors' bills and cleaning,	90.95
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	\$2,132.31
Balance to new account,	719.53
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	\$2,851.84

TEXT BOOKS AND INCIDENTALS.

To amount balance from 1895.	\$49.78
Amount raised by tax,	200.00
Amount books sold,	2.38
Amount overdrawn bills,	25.71
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	\$277.87

C.R.

By cash for books as per bills,	\$277.87
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REPAIRS OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

To amount balance account 1895,	. . .	\$138.21	
Amount raised by tax,	. . .	100.00	
		<u> </u>	\$238.21

C.R.

By amount paid for labor and stock,	. . .	\$203.40	
Balance to new account,	. . .	34.81	
		<u> </u>	\$238.21

CONVEYING SCHOLARS ACCOUNT.

To amount balance 1895,	. . .	\$50.00	
Amount raised by tax, 1896,		150.00	
Amount overdrawn bills,	. . .	11.15	
		<u> </u>	\$211.15

C.R.

By amount sundry bills,	\$211.15
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The Committee recommend the following sums for the ensuing year :

For teachers' wages, fuel, and janitors' services,	\$1,500.00
Repairs of schoolhouses,	. . . .	150.00
Conveyance of scholars,	. . . .	350.00
Text-books and supplies,	. . . .	275.00

ROLL OF HONOR.

No. 1 PRIMARY.

Miss Helen E. Sleeper, Teacher.

Second Term.

Bernice A. DeRose.

Harold C. McKay.

Frank DeRose.

Henry S. Pink.

Frank R. Rickard.

Third Term.

Harold C. McKay.

Henry S. Pink.

Arthur McKay.

Frank R. Rickard.

Henry C. Washburn.

No. 1 GRAMMAR.

Mr. Elmer B. Perkins, Teacher.

First Term.

Chester Rickard.

R. Arthur Shurtleff.

Elmer C. Raymond.

Jay A. Ward.

Second Term.

Chester Rickard.

Third Term.

Jay A. Ward.

No. 2 MIXED.

Miss Lucy W. Shaw, Teacher.

Second Term.

Jesse Holmes.

Elbridge Shaw.

Russell Holmes.

Third Term.

Elbridge Shaw.

Russell Holmes.

No. 3 MIXED.

Miss Mary E. Flynn, Teacher.

First Term.

Solon Cornish.

Marion A. Pratt.

Myrtle Shaw.

Second Term.

Miss Gertrude Sanborn, Teacher.

Myrtle Shaw.

Third Term.

Anna K. Shurtleff.

Myrtle Shaw.

No. 4 PRIMARY.

Miss Mattie M. Bennett, Teacher.

First Term.

Ella Carlson.

Julian Southworth.

Second Term.

Bernard Shaw.

Harold Tillson.

Third Term.

Bernard Shaw.

Lester Swift.

Ellis Bumpus.

No. 4 GRAMMAR.

Miss Vesta B. Shaw, Teacher.

First Term.

Francis Atwood.

Adalieta Shaw.

Elmer McFarlin.

Harry Burke.

Second Term.

Elsie Case.

Grace Gammons.

Adalieta Shaw.

Third Term.

Eddie Burke.

Edna Briggs.

Harry Burke.

Elsie Case.

Grace Gammons.

Elmer McFarlin.

Respectfully submitted.

EBEN S. LUCAS.

GUSTAVUS ATWOOD.

ELMER B. PERKINS.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

In submitting our second annual report, we are pleased to state that the success of the Carver Public Library has exceeded the most sanguine expectations of its friends. The general interest manifested by our citizens, as shown by the librarian's report, with the words of encouragement offered by descendants of Carver residing in other places, speaks eloquently for the wisdom of establishing the library, and calls unmistakably for continued support.

We look upon the institution as an excellent adjunct to our system of schools, affording a source of educational influence which can be nothing but beneficial, and as such deserves the best wishes and best efforts of the individual as well as of the public.

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